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SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace claims 4-8 with the following rewritten claims:

-- 4. (Amended) A method for producing a biochip by spotting probes on a plate by using a binding agent for binding the probes to the plate, the method comprising the step of spotting mixtures of respective probes and the binding agent on the plate.

5. (Amended) A method for producing a biochip by spotting probes on a plate, the method comprising the steps of:
spotting a binding agent for binding the probes to the plate at positions where the probes are to be spotted; and
spotting the probes on the plate at positions where the binding agent is spotted with a spotting pin.

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